of packaged drinking water from the manufacturers approved by the Bureau of Indian Standard is allowed on railway premises.

Railway projects for U.P.

†1483. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways did not keep any proposal in its budget 2001-2002 to run new trains in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of projects allocated for Uttar Pradesh in the new proposed projects in the budget and the expenditure expected to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No new projects in plan head new lines, gauge conversion, doubling, metropolitan transport projects and railway electrification included in the Budget of 2001-2002 in U.P.

CBI Charge-sheet in supply of cranes to Railways

1484. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI had registered a case against the officials of Railway Board for favouring a German multinational firm while awarding a contract for supply of cranes meant for lifting damaged bogies and engines to Indian Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the CBI has since filed any charge-sheet against those officials and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBI *vide* their PE AC 9 2001A 0002 dated 9-5-2001 have registered a case against certain (as yet unidentified) officers of Railway Board and others while working in different capacities, committed misconduct by showing undue favour to M/s Gottwald, Germany in the matter of awarding contract to them for the supply of cranes meant for lifting damaged bogies and engines to Indian Railways.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) No, Sir.

Vacancies of Railway Supervisors

1485. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several posts of Supervisors/Chief Supervisors are lying vacant in all the railway zones;

(b) if so, division-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry propose to fill up these vacant posts in these Divisions; and

(d) if so, by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption in Railways

1486. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways had called a meeting of railway General Managers recently and stressed the need to maintain safety, plugging revenue leakages and meeting financial targets;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy chalked out to meet various challenges before the Railways;

(c) whether corruption in Railways is primarily responsible for various drawbacks; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to root out corruption in the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Strategy to meet various challenges faced by the Railway is not formulated in a single meeting with General Managers. During the meeting stress was laid on innovative marketing, expenditure control, rightsizing, plugging revenue leakage, regular Safety Audits and clearing arrears of asset renewals.

(c) and (d) Although Corruption on Railways is not primarily responsible for various drawbacks, a number of steps have been taken by the Government to root out corruption in Railways. These steps include frequent checks in areas of publicuser interface and